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a great place to live, work, and visit”**

**CITY OF SAFFORD  
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY  
Monday, May 11, 2015 @ 6:00 PM  
Safford Library Program Room, 808 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Safford, Arizona**

**PRESENT:** Wyn “Chris” Gibbs, Mayor; Mary Bingham, Vice Mayor; Kenneth Malloque, Gene Seale, Arnold A. Lopez, James D. Howes and Richard Ortega.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Horatio Skeete, City Manager; Leslie Norton, Executive Secretary; Joe Brugman, Chief of Police; Randy Petty, City Engineer; Dustin Welker, Planning and Community Development Director; Jenny Howard, Public Works Director/Interim Utilities Director; Alma Flores, Senior Accountant; Terry Quest, Finance Director; Leanne McElroy, Library Director; Cliff Davis, Human Resources Officer; and Georgia Luster, City Clerk. Dale Clark assisted with the audio recording of the meeting.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pastor Johnny Wilson; Sam Napier; Kenny McKinney; Jacque Attaway; Erik Swanson; David Morse; Jason Knight; Terry and Claudia Birdno; Steve McGaughey; Clark Bingham (Fire Chief); James Bryce; and others who did not sign in. Kelly Van Shaar video recorded the meeting. Ken Showers representing Eastern Arizona Courier.

- 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:01:39 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** A quorum of the Council was present (7).
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 4. OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor Johnny Wilson offered the Opening Prayer.
- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE
- 6. PUBLIC HEARING:** At 6:02:39 p.m., Mayor Gibbs opened a Public Hearing pursuant to *Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.01*, for the purpose of taking public comment relating a Liquor License and to make recommendation to the state liquor board regarding an Interim Permit/New License, Series 10, Beer and Wine license application submitted by Roger Kenneth Burton on behalf of Giant Store #908 located at 300 E. Hwy, 70, Safford, Arizona.

7. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Gibbs closed the Public Hearing at 6:03:45 p.m. There was no public present to comment on the Liquor License application.

8. **NEW AND OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Recommendation to the State Liquor Board approving or denying an application for (Interim Permit/New License) Series 10, Beer and Wine license application submitted by Roger Kenneth Burton on behalf of Giant Store #908 located at 300 E. Hwy, 70, Safford, Arizona. MOTION ADOPTED

2. Consider approving Library Policy, CIR-7 Fines and Fees. MOTION ADOPTED

3. Consider approving April 13 and April 27, 2015, Council Meeting Minutes.. MOTION ADOPTED

4. Provide an update to the Council on changes implemented to the "Pride of Safford" community award program. It was moved by Councilman Malloque, seconded by Councilman Lopez, and carried unanimously to approve the recommended changes to the Pride of Safford Community Award Program. MOTION ADOPTED

5. Discussion and direction to staff regarding regional transportation services (Bus Service).

9. **CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BIDS:**

1. Consider approving an addendum to extend a land lease agreement from May 1, 2005 between the City of Safford and PHI Air Medical, LLC, for an additional five years to April 30, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED

2. Consider approving the Site Purchase Agreement between the City of Safford and Tommy and Betty Clonts, Co-Trustees of the Clonts Living Trust dated January 24, 2007. MOTION ADOPTED

3. Discussion and provide direction to staff. Staff is seeking permission to continue the conversation about the possible sale of the infrastructure within the Central service area to the Graham County Utilities which would facilitate easier transmission of the EAC well water to the college campus for their use.

10. **BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Provide information to the Mayor and Council about the remaining outstanding elements of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.** Mr. Skeete reviewed the Summary of what is being presented to the Council tonight. Mr. Skeete explained the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan is just a plan and that only the first year of the Capital Plan will be included in this Fiscal Year Budget.
  - 1) Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
  - 2) Fleet Capital Budget
  - 3) Human Resources Budget
  - 4) Property Tax Rate
  - 5) Debt Service
  - 6) Fund Balance Update
  - 7) Benefit Package and Adjustments
  - 8) Sanitation Rates
  - 9) Landfill Rent to the General Fund
  - 10) Fireman's – Pay Increases and Recommendation for Retirement

Randy Petty, City Engineer, presented the changes to the CIP listing of the projects presented to the Council in February. He began with Page 1 of the document explaining that page numbers have been added to correspond to the project page, and added a CIP Number. The first two letters correspond with the department requesting the project, fiscal year, and finally sequential number

**11. MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES HELD OR TO BE HELD BY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF:**

- Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Holiday
- Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting
- Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting
- Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Council Meeting

**12. COUNCIL OR STAFF REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Presentation by staff updating Council on water table management.

**13. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

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